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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0014] on page 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0014] The anchor blocks 56 provide spacing between the cross bar 12 and the hauling bed, but may be omitted such that the cross bar 12 generally lies substantially flat against the hauling bed as discussed hereinafter. The mechanical fasteners 60 for the respective fastening elements 50, 52 extend through respective apertures 62, 64, 66 defined in the resilient pads 54, anchor blocks 56, and bed plates 58. The apertures 66 defined in the bed plates 58 are preferably internally threaded to mate with threads of the mechanical fasteners 60. As shown in Fig. 1, the mechanical fasteners 60 may be simple bolts, or preferably eye bolts, as shown, for example, in Fig. 3 discussed hereinafter.